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(*d*) The order passed by the Government was that where only a portion of a registered survey field or subdivision had been under udu cultivation at any time up to and including fasli 1342, the entire survey number or subdivision should be exempt from second-crop charge if the portion was 10 cents or more: but that if the portion was less than 10 cents the entire survey number or subdivision should be liable to the charge. The Government have since modified the latter part of this order and directed that where the portion is less than 10 cents the concession of exemption from second-crop charge granted for udu cultivation should be allowed in respect of the survey number or subdivision up to the extent of such cultivation.

Reclassification of irrigation sources in the Tanjore district.

* 292 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons which induced the Government to issue G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district which are third class into second class and second class into first class; and

(*b*) whether any additional revenue is raised by such reclassification?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the preamble to the notification appended to G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated the 14th July 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Repairs to irrigation tanks and spring channels at Government expense.

* 293 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether lands irrigated by spring channels are classified as wet and taxed on the same basis as the wet lands irrigated by the tanks;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the tanks are repaired by the Government at their expense and, if so, at what intervals;

(*c*) whether spring channels are repaired periodically and maintained at Government cost; and

(*d*) if not, the reason for not repairing and maintaining the spring channels?

A.—(*a*) Ordinarily, ryotwari dry lands under minor irrigation sources whether tanks or channels are classed as wet if they have been regularly irrigated for five years and more without objection. As regards the principles laid down for the settlement of assessment on ryotwari lands the hon. Member's attention is invited to Board's Standing Order No. 1.

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(*b*) Subject to the provisions of Act I of 1858, minor irrigation works are kept reasonably efficient at the expense of Government. Board's Standing Order No. 87 lays down detailed instructions in the matter. There is no rule that repairs should be carried out only at fixed intervals.

(*c*) & (*d*) Spring channels ordinarily come under the category of minor irrigation works and the answer given to clause (*b*) applies to them also; but in most districts the clearance of deposits from spring channels is an item of customary labour to be performed by the ryots under Act I of 1858.

Repairs to and maintenance of Spring Channels in the North Arcot district.

* 294 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number and extent of wet ayacuts under spring channels in North Arcot district is;

(*b*) the total assessment paid thereon; and

(*c*) what the amount spent is on the repairs and maintenance of spring channels by the Government during the years 1930, 1931 and 1932?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Complete information is not available. A report has been called for.

Damage caused to the Mangalagiri division, Guntur district by floods in the Kistna.

* 295 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that certain villages in the Mangalagiri division of Guntur district were seriously affected by the recent floods in the Kistna;

(*b*) what the villages so affected are;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any reports from the District Collector, Guntur, regarding the extent of the damage and the value of the losses incurred; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the information on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) An extract (relating to Guntur taluk) from the final report of the Collector is annexed.[a] The villages in Guntur taluk mentioned in previous reports as affected by the floods are Pratur, Mandadam, Venkatapalem, Kristnayapalem and Velagapudi. The Government have no more detailed information regarding this taluk.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 396–397 infra.